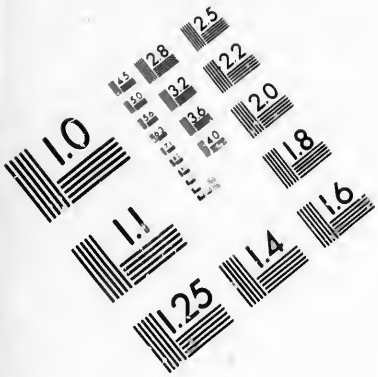

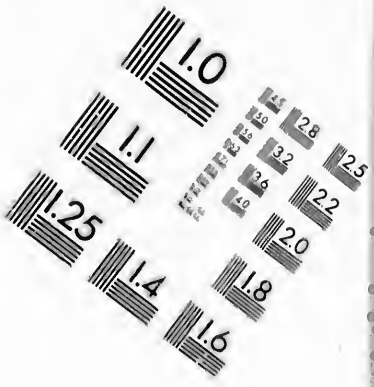

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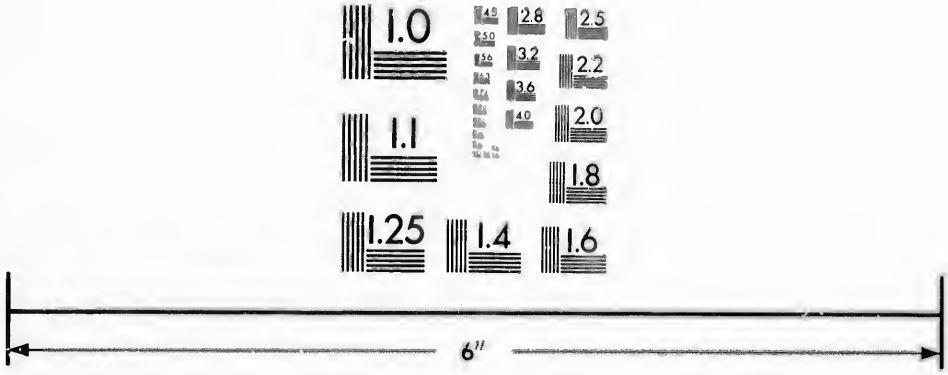

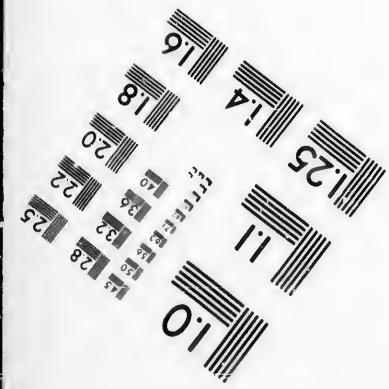

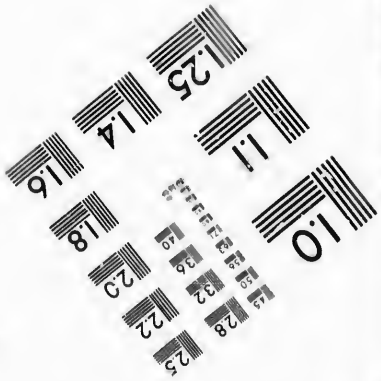

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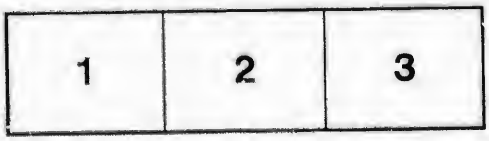

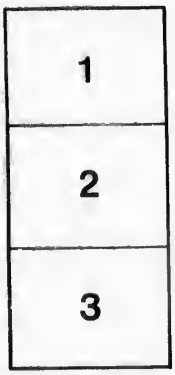

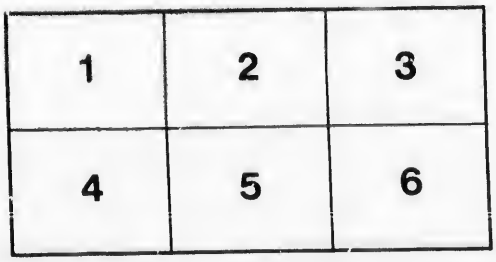

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FOR THE RELIEF

OF THE

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JOSEPH LEE, *Treasurer.*

JOHN STRUTHERS, } *Stewards.*
HENRY GADDES,, }

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JOHN RAPER,
ROBERT HUNTER,
CHRISTOPHER R. DENHOLM, } *Committee:*
ROBERT BARNS,
THOMAS MILLS.

WILLIAM LAING, *Surgeon.*

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SAMUEL PLATT,
WILLIAM SMITH,
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ARTICLES

OF THE

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1. That this Institution shall be called the Toronto Foresters' Society, for the relief and support of all the sick and distressed Brethren, and that the following Brethren be considered as the Founders of this Society. James Mirfield, John Brown, George Dodds, Joseph Lee, John Struthers, Henry Gaddes, George L. Norton, John Raper, Robert Hunter, Christopher R. Denholm, Richard Owen, Thomas Mills. William Lang, John Ogilvie, John Campbell, Samuel Platt, William Smith, Richard O'Connell, Patrick McTavey, John Miller, Tophias Smith, Hugh McFadyen, John Martin, Robert Barns.

2. That the members of this Society do meet at the house of Brother James Mirfield, known by the sign of the Shakespear, in the Ward of St. Andrew, the second Thursday in every month, for the purpose of paying their contributions, [redacted] and the Society shall not be removed from the said house without sufficient reasons for the same, and by a majority of the free members then present, first had and obtained.

3. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President (who shall be called the Chief Ranger) a Vice President (who shall be called sub-Chief Ranger), a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be exofficio members of the committee and six committee members.

4. That the Chief Ranger, sub-Chief Ranger and Secretary, shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot. The persons

shall be nominated for the respective offices at the monthly meeting previous to the general meeting, and at the ballot for Chief Ranger each member shall write on a slip of paper the names of two of the nominees, one for Chief Ranger and another for C. R. R., which slips shall be collected by the members.—The person having the greatest number of votes shall be C. R.; and the next greatest number S. C. R. The Secretary shall be elected in like manner.

5 Four or more Scrutineers, not candidates, to be appointed before the balloting takes place.

6. The Treasurer and Committee to be elected by show of hands.

7. That there shall, on the 1st Monday in April, of ea[illegible] be a general meeting of all the Members of the Soci[illegible] which meeting the officers shall give a full and true repo[illegible] state of the Society—comprizing an account of the num[illegible] members admitted since the last meeting; the members [illegible] have left the society, and the causes of their leaving the present number of members, and also, the amount of money received [illegible] and stating particularly the amount received from contributio[illegible] stating specially to whom and for what purpose such payments have been made, and the balance of money then on hand—at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.

8 That every person wishing to be admitted members shall be proposed by a Brother at a meeting night; the person so proposed must be seconded by some other Brother of the Society: the proposed to pay the Secretary three shillings as his nomination money, and if found to be of good character he shall be admitted on the next meeting night; and before he is admitted he must produce a doctors' certificate to show he is in good health at the time, and not liable to any periodical complaint.

9. That every person proposed to the Society, the C. R. shall enquire of the proposer if the person proposed is a married man, and if his wife is in good health at the time.

10. That all persons proposed must be ballotted for on the meeting night, and must have a majority of two thirds of the Brethren present, or he cannot be admitted.

11. That no person shall become a member of this Institution without paying twelve shillings and six pence as an entrance fee, and that he shall pay into the Institution six months before he be entitled to the benefits of the Society.

12. That the members shall pay, or cause to be paid, two shillings and six pence each per month, and that no person be admitted a member above the age of thirty-five except the Founders of the Society, who shall not be admitted if above the age of forty-five, all those applying for entrance within the first four weeks of the existence of the Society shall be considered founders, but must conform to rule three.

13. Persons above the age of thirty-five may be admitted on payment of additional entrance fees, which fees shall be fixed by the committee.

14. A Register Book shall be kept wherein shall be inserted the name of every person admitted to be a member of this Society, with his age, trade, name and place of abode, of which he shall give to the C. R. a true account at the time of his admission; and whenever he changes his habitation, he shall likewise give notice thereof to the Secretary at the next monthly meeting, or be fined one shilling and three-pence.

15. That each member must pay his subscription into the hands of the Secretary between the hours of seven and ten o'clock; and no proposition shall be received or ballot take place

for admitting a member, or any thing in dispute, before half past seven o'clock, or after half past eight o'clock.

16. That any member neglecting to pay up his entrance money or contributions at the regular times, shall forfeit his sick allowance; should he be taken sick at the time, the Secretary shall give notice in writing to every member in arrear of non-payment, and if the Secretary omit to give such notice to any member, he shall be fined for every omission the sum of one shilling and three pence.

17 That when the monthly contributions is two months in arrears, the Secretary shall notify the members so in arrears; and if all the contributions are not paid up on the third meeting night, with a fine of three-pence, the member shall be fined seven pence half penny; and if not paid on the fourth night, he shall be fined one shilling and three-pence; and if not, on the fith night, two shillings and six-pence; if not then paid the Secretary shall notify him that unless his contributions and fines are paid up on the sixth night he will be excluded, unless he can prove that he has been more than twenty miles from the city and had not the opportunity of paying his contributions. Members in arrears twelve months shall be excluded without any appeal.

18. That for the accommodation of such persons as shall wish to avoid the trouble of mere frequent payments, the Secretary shall be permitted to receive from any member any sum of money in advance.

19. That if any member of this Society after having paid his contributions and belonged thereto for the space of six months should unfortunately be rendered incapable of following the trade or employment in which he was engaged, from sickness or any other cause, he shall, provided he conform to the regulations of the Society, be allowed ten shillings per week for one year if he should continue to be so long afflicted; and after that

he five shillings per week during his life if he continues so ng to be incapable of working at his trade or employment.— . B Provided his sickness is not venerial, which is to be rtified by a Doctor.

20. That the C. R. & S. C. R. shall visit every sick member during his sickness at least once a week, and that the C. R. y him his sick money every Friday night during his sickness fore the hour of eight o'clock P. M.; in neglect he shall pay he shilling and three pence.

21. Any member found defrauding the Society in any shape hatever, upon its being proved, he shall be fined or be excluded at the discretion of the committee, not less than five shillings nor more than twenty-five.

22. Any member receiving the sick money in a fraudulent nanner, shall be fined five shillings, and the sick money he received returned to the Society.

23. That all persons claiming the sick allowance shall send to he C. R. a Doctor's certificate before 2 o'clock P. M. or he will not be entitled to that days pay.

24. That no member, a claimant upon the Society, shall do any kind of manual labour as long as he continues a claiment, but shall be allowed to give such instructions to his servants, workmen and assistants, and set down in writing such things as shall regard the business in which such claimant was engaged if not found injurious or hurtful to the case with which he may be afflicted; but such claiment shall confine himself to his residence or premises adjoining thereto, to give such instructions as may be necessary for carrying on his business; and any claimant in anywise conducting his business from his home, or be found frequenting inns, or ail houses, or any place of public amusement, or shall in any respect violate this article, shall

upon full proof thereof, be deemed an imposter upon the fund, and he shall be dealt with according to the 21 article.

25. That every member receiving the allowance of the fund in cases of sickness or lameness, shall give a receipt for his weekly payment, signed by himself, unless prevented by his illness; and in that case it shall be signed in like manner by the senior relieving officer.

26. That none but such members as shall have contributed as aforesaid to the Society and belonged thereto for the space of six months, shall be entitled to any allowance from the same.

27. That non resident members claiming the allowance of the Society in cases of sickness, &c., shall transmit a certificate of such sickness signed by a doctor, clergyman, or magistrate, to the Secretary on the day on which the claim is made, as no claim will be admitted prior to its transmission; a similar certificate shall accompany the receipt for every weeks pay; and when any such members discontinue their claims upon the Society they shall give notice in like manner.

28. That on the death of a free member (that is a member having been six months in the Society, and not in arrears for entrance fees and contributions) there shall be paid to his widow or nominee ten pounds, and on the death of a free member's wife, seven pounds to defray the expences of his or her funeral, which sums shall be paid on the next meeting night.

29. That on the death of any free member not leaving a nominee, his funeral expences shall be paid, not exceeding seven pounds, and the residue of the claim shall remain in the funds of the Society for the use and benefit thereof.

30. That any member convicted of felony shall be excluded from the Society.

31. That any member considering himself aggrieved by any act of any officer of the Society, shall have a right of appealing to the Society at large upon delivering a written notice to that effect to the Secretary, who shall immediately issue notices to the subscribers to meet for the purpose of considering his case.

32. That any member coming in a state of intoxication to the meeting during business hours, shall be fined five shillings and turned out of the room during that evening.

33. That should any member interrupt the business of the Society by any irregularity or otherwise, he shall be admonished by the C. R. or in his absence by his Deputy; and if he disregard such admonition he shall be fined one shilling and threepence for such impropriety.

34. That no religious or political discussions shall be allowed at the meetings under the penalty of five shillings.

35. That any member swearing or betting wagers at the meetings shall be fined three pence, and all fines to be paid into the Treasurer within three months.

36. All fines shall be considered as contributions.

37. That the C. R and Select Committee shall meet every three months or oftener if they see occasion, to examine the accounts of the funds of the Society.

38. That none but free members shall have a vote in this Society.

39. That all the monies received shall, the day after it is received be invested in one of the Saving's Bank's of this City in the names of the Treasurer and Secretary, and that no money

shall be drawn out of the Bank but by order of the Committee; the checks for which must be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary.

40. That the Committee be empowered to make such Bye-laws not repugnant to these rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary to the good order and regulation of this Society; which laws shall be in force till the next annual meeting.—Any member conceiving himself aggrieved by the opperation of any bye-law, may, by requisition to the C. R., call a special meeting of the Society for the purpose of repealing or otherwise altering such law,

41. At the monthly meeting next previous to the general meeting, three auditors shall be appointed, not members of the Committee, who shall examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and if approved by them they shall sign them before they are submitted to the general meeting; if from any cause one or more of the auditors sees reason for not signing the accounts, he shall report to the general meeting the reason why he is dissatisfied with the accounts.

42. That no rule of this Society shall be repealed, altered, or suspended except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a general or special meeting of the Society; and that no motion for such alteration, repeal or suspension, shall be entertained unless the person proposing such motion shall have given the Secretary a copy of such motion three months prior to such general or special meeting; which notice shall be placed in some conspicuous place in the room at three monthly meeting nights.

43, That if any member shall propose, or in any manner promote the breaking up of this Society, or the alteration of this rule, he shall, upon full proof thereof, be excluded from the Society.

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